

Testimony in Support of

LD 909: An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans  
March 13, 2025

Chairpersons Senator Grohoski and Representative Cloutier and honorable members of the Taxation Committee:

My name is Kerry Leichtman. I am a Certified Maine Assessor serving the jurisdictions of Camden and Rockport and am writing you today in qualified support of LD 909.

I believe that all veterans deserve equal recognition for their service. As soon as a person becomes a soldier they are at risk of being sent into harm's way. It is that willingness to serve at such risk that earns them special appreciation that we express in the form of a break in the tax on their property. However, I do not believe the exemption for the non-wartime service member should be any less than the service member who does go to war. That seems to me an unnecessary lesser distinction.

Thank you for considering my testimony..